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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM

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1. FOLLOWING STATEMENTS RESPOND AND ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS
POSED PARA 5 REFTEL:

A. INCREASED COSTS OF FUTURE FMTP WILL HAVE NO RPT NO
EFFECT ON U.S. BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH JAMAICA.

B. NAVAL ORIENTED WEAPONS TRAINING, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE
ARE COURSES OF GREATEST INTEREST TO GOJ. FORMER HAS BEEN
PAID FOR, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN FUTURE WHILE SAR HAS BEEN
PROVIDED OUTSIDE OF FMTP BY U.S. COAST GUARD ON GRANT BASIS.

C. TRAINING HAS IMPERCEPTIBLE OR NEGLIGIBLE INFLUENCE ON
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. SAR TRAINING OF GREATEST BENEFIT TO
U.S. INTEREST AS IT ENHANCES JAMAICAN CAPABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY
PROVIDE VALUABLE SERVICE TO U.S. VESSELS, EITHER UNILATERALLY
OR IN COOPERATION WITH U.S. COAST GUARD. AS SAR GRANT ASSIST-
ANCE PROVIDED BY U.S. COAST GUARD NOT BEING DONE UNDER PURVIEW
OF FMTP PROGRAM, EMBASSY ASSUMES COST WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

D. JAMAICA WILL NOT ABANDON U.S. TRAINING BECAUSE OF
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INCREASED COSTS.

E. JAMAICA WILL NOT LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR EQUIVALENT TRAINING.

2. VIRTUALLY ALL OF JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCES (JDF) FOREIGN TRAINING, WITH EXCEPTION COAST GUARD, IS CONDUCTED BY BRITISH OR CANADIANS, PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT IS MOST CLOSELY ORIENTED TO EXISTING JDF INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT AND ONLY INCIDENTALLY BECAUSE IT IS CHEAPER.

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